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Llangollen Landfill, New Castle County, Delaware:
Request for Review

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The attached letter from Merna Hurd, Administrator of the New Castle County 208 Program, formally brings to Region III's attention a serious water quality management problem which also vitally affects water supply planning and solid waste management in New Castle County. The Llangollen landfill contaminates nearby streams, directly through overland runoff, and indirectly through base flow to streams from the underlying aquifer which is also being contaminated. The landfill, in contaminating the aquifer, also jeopardizes a major water supply for the area.

Because this landfill is abandoned and not receiving additional wastes at present, it is difficult or impossible to remedy the situation through any regulatory means that the future 208 Management Agency might wish to adopt. Further, although water quality will be adversely affected by the landfill, the 208 Agency lacks the money to fund the appropriate remedial action.

The Solid Waste Division of EPA Headquarters, under the direction of Ken Schuster, is doing a limited study of the landfill, due to be completed in May of 1976. However, as Ms. Hurd's letter implies, more study of the problem is not necessarily the answer: a solution to the problem, perhaps involving federal assistance is desired.

I solicit your views as to what federal funding opportunities exist - demonstration grants, R & D funds, others - to solve this problem. I would be happy to arrange a site visit and a meeting with concerned personnel from New Castle County and EPA Headquarters to acquaint you in more detail with the situation. My feeling is that the problem will only continue to worsen, and that EPA has a responsibility to act to assure adequate future water quality and water supply in New Castle County.

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